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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please enter amended claims independent claim 1, dependent claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14, 16 and 27 and substitute the amended claims for the pending claims with the same numbers. Please also cancel claim 6.

1. (Amended) A system for treating vasculature, comprising:

a main component having at least four apertures; and